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TO AMEMBASSY KINSHASA IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MOBUTU'S REQUEST THAT USG WITHDRAW AMCONSUL
LUBUMBASHI

1. SECRETARY WAS UNABLE RAISE SUBJECT WITH ZAIRIAN
FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMISSIONER NGUZA. CHARGE INSTRUCTED
TO DO SO WITH NGUZA IMMEDIATELY UPON HIS RETURN TO
KINSHASA, EXPLAINING THAT USG IS NOT RPT NOT PREPARED
TO WITHDRAW CONSUL BORG. CHARGE SHOULD USE GENERAL LINE
OF EXPLANATION ORIGINALLY SUGGESTED BY EMBASSY KINSHASA
AND APPROVED BY AMBASSADOR CUTLER AND DEPARTMENT.

2. HOWEVER, FOLLOWING ARE SPECIFIC TALKING POINTS WHICH
YOU MAY DRAW ON. WE HAVE ATTEMPTED IN THE TALKING POINTS
BELOW TO PUT THE BORG CASE IN THE LARGER CONTEXT OF THE
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REFORMS WHICH WE HOPE TO PROMOTE WITH OUR ECONOMIC AND
MILITARY AID TO ZAIRE.

A. THE USG IS PLEASED WITH RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN ZAIRE,
AS THE MILITARY THREAT POSED BY THE INVADERS RECEDES AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF ZAIRE MOVES AHEAD TO DEAL CONSTRUCTIVELY

WITH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. WE HOPE THAT OUR RECENTLY SIGNED SUPPORTING ASSISTANCE LOAN AND PL-480 AGREEMENT WILL USEFULLY CONTRIBUTE TO YOUR EFFORTS. ANY DAY NOW,

WE EXPECT CONGRESSIONAL ACTION ON OUR REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE FOR ZAIRE IN THE COMING FISCAL YEAR.

B. OUR EFFORTS, OF COURSE, ARE MERELY THE LATEST MANIFESTATION OF OUR HISTORICAL COMMITMENT TO ZAIRE'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TO THE BASIC ASPIRATIONS OF THE ZAIRIAN PEOPLE FOR ECONOMIC PROGRESS, HUMAN RIGHTS, AND GOOD GOVERNMENT. WE HAVE HIGH HOPES FOR THE FUTURE OF ZAIRE, AND APPLAUD YOUR COURAGEOUS DECISION, EVEN IN THE FACE OF AN INVASION, TO GO AHEAD WITH THE IMF STABILIZATION PROGRAM.

C. OUR DESIRES TO REAFFIRM THE BASIC U.S.-ZAIRIAN FRIENDSHIP ARE IDENTICAL.

D. IT IS BECAUSE WE WISH AS FERVENTLY AS YOU TO CULTIVATE AND FOSTER U.S.-ZAIRIAN RELATIONS THAT WE ARE SO DISTURBED BY PRESIDENT MOBUTU'S REQUEST THAT WE WITHDRAW OUR CONSUL FROM LUBUMBASHI.

E. WE WISH TO ASSURE YOU THAT NO U.S. GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE, IN ZAIRE OR ELSEWHERE, IS OR WILL BE ENGAGED IN SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES AGAINST THE ZAIRIAN GOVERNMENT.

F. WE CANNOT AGREE THEREFORE TO QUIETLY TRANSFER HIM AS PRESIDENT MOBUTU REQUESTS. WE URGE YOU TO RECONSIDER
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AND AVOID A PUBLIC DISPUTE WHICH SERVES NEITHER OF OUR INTERESTS.

3. PLEASE INFORM DEPARTMENT ASAP IF NGUZA IS NOT EXPECTED TO RETURN KINSHASA WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS SO ALTERNATIVE PLAN FOR PRESENTING USG POSITION MAY BE AUTHORIZED.

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